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For: MAGNETIC PARTICLE-COATED MATERIAL, MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM,  
ELECTROMAGNETIC SHIELD MATERIAL, AND METHODS OF  
MANUFACTURING SAME

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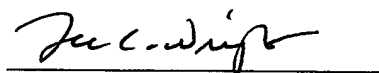
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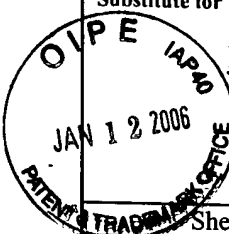
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